

REMARKS

The present Preliminary Amendment is submitted in response to the Notice of Omitted Item(s) in a Nonprovisional Application, mailed May 17, 2004, a copy of which is returned herewith.

The Notice of Omitted Items pointed out that Fig. 5I was omitted. This is correct and was intentional. As required in the Notice, the drawing labels have been amended so that the drawings are consecutively numbered, and corresponding changes have been made to the specification.

While making the above-noted changes, various typographical errors were noticed, and have been corrected.

It was also noticed that the Summary of the Invention was incomplete. The Summary has been amended to correspond to the independent claims. No new matter has been added.

Early and favorable consideration of this application is solicited.

If there are any questions, please contact the undersigned.

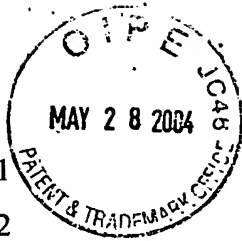
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REVERSIBLE INSEAM POCKET

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to clothing, and more particularly, is directed to a reversible pocket having a pocket pouch that can be pulled through an opening on a seam.

Reversible clothing typically has pockets that enable the contents of the pocket to be accessed only from one side. That is, reversible pockets are generally not provided even on reversible clothing. Accordingly, wearers of a reversible garment usually lose the convenience of having pockets that reverse with the clothing.

Thus, there is a need for an improved method of constructing a reversible pocket on a reversible garment.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

In accordance with an aspect of this invention, there is provided a pocket for a reversible garment, comprising a main piece, an extension piece coupled to the main piece by a seam with an opening between the main piece and the extension piece, and a reversible pocket coupled to the seam, wherein when the item is reversed, the reversible pocket is pulled through the opening in the seam.

According to a further aspect of the invention, there is provided a reversible garment, comprising a main piece, an extension piece coupled to the main piece by a seam with an opening between the main piece and the extension piece, and a reversible pocket coupled to the seam, wherein when the garment is reversed, the reversible pocket is pulled through the opening in the seam.

According to another aspect of the invention, there is provided a reversible pocket, comprising a short pocket having a perimeter with a curved portion and a straight portion, a long pocket having a perimeter with a curved portion, a straight portion and extensions along the curved portion that form vertices with the straight portion, the straight portion for coupling to an item having the reversible pocket, and an enclosed seam coupling the curved portions of the short pocket and the long pocket to form a reversible pocket pouch.

It is not intended that the invention be summarized here in its entirety. Rather, further features, aspects and advantages of the invention are set forth in or are apparent from the following description and drawings.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Figs. 1A-1D are diagrams showing how to make welt 15;

Figs. 2, 3A-3C and 4A-4C are diagrams showing how to make reversible pocket pouch

45;

Figs. 5A-5D are diagrams showing how to make a lip in garment 50;

Figs. 5E-5F are diagrams showing how to connect garment 50, welt 15, reversible pocket pouch 45 and top and bottom extension pieces 60 and 61;

Figs. 5G-5J are diagrams of a garment with a reversible pocket pouch on one side and on the reverse side; and

Figs. 6A-6B are diagrams showing top and bottom extension pieces 60 and 61.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

A reversible garment has a reversible pocket attached at a seam thereof. The pocket has a pouch formed by a long pocket piece and a short pocket piece. The curved portions of the pocket pieces are sewn together and their seam is enclosed by another seam. The flat portion of the long pocket piece is attached to the seam of the reversible garment, and centered on an opening in the garment seam. When the garment is reversed, the pocket is pulled through the seam and the pocket pouch is turned inside out, so that the pocket pouch is accessible from the opening in the garment seam, whether the garment is worn with its front side as the outside or its back side as the outside.

Construction of a reversible inseam pocket will now be described.

Figs. 1A-1D are diagrams showing how to make welt 15.

Fig. 1A shows outer welt piece 10. Fig. 1B shows inner welt piece 11.

As shown in Fig. 1C, the outer and inner welt pieces are placed right sides together and sewn along both short sides and a long side with stitching 12.

As shown in Fig. 1D, the sewn welt pieces are turned inside out to form welt 15.

Fig. 5F is a back view of garment piece 50 showing the hypotenuse edges of extension pieces 60 and 61 aligned with the edge of garment piece 50 that is to have a reversible inseam pocket. Extension pieces 60 and 61 are placed with right sides facing inward. Stitching forms seam 56 along the edge of garment piece 50 fastens the stack of pieces comprising top extension piece 60, welt 15, reversible pocket pouch 45, garment piece 50 and bottom extension piece 61, such that the folded edge of lip 51 is free of the stitching and not part of the edge of seam 56.

Figs. 5G-5J are diagrams of a garment with a reversible pocket pouch on one side and on the reverse side.

Figs. 5G and 5H show extension pieces 60 and 61 folded back along seam 56, such that the wrong sides of extension pieces 60 and 61 are together.

Fig. 5H is a front view of garment piece 50 on the outside of the garment showing that opening 55 in seam 56 provides access to reversible pocket pouch 45. A shaded arrow in Fig. 5H indicates opening 55. The hypotenuse of extension piece 61 is along opening 55.

Fig. 5G is a rear view of garment piece 50 on the inside of the garment showing reversible pocket pouch 45, with short pocket 30 (not visible) against garment piece 50. The hypotenuse of extension piece 60 is continuously attached by seam 56 to the combination of garment piece 50, the straight portion of long pocket 40 and welt 15.

To reverse the garment, reversible pocket pouch 45 is pulled through opening 55 in seam 56, and short pocket 30 is turned to the other side of long pocket 40.

After reversal, Fig. 5J is a back view of garment piece 50, which is now on the outside of the garment. An opening between the long edge of welt 15 opposite seam 56 and lip 51 secured to garment piece 50 enables access to opening 55 in seam 56, and thence to reversible pocket pouch 45. A shaded arrow in Fig. 5J indicates the opening between welt 15 and lip 51.

1 Fig. ~~5K~~5J is a front view of garment piece 50, which is now on the inside of the garment,
2 showing reversible pocket pouch 45, with short pocket 30 (not visible) against garment piece 50.

3 Although an illustrative embodiment of the present invention, and various modifications
4 thereof, have been described in detail herein with reference to the accompanying drawings, it is
5 to be understood that the invention is not limited to this precise embodiment and the described
6 modifications, and that various changes and further modifications may be effected therein by one
7 skilled in the art without departing from the scope or spirit of the invention as defined in the
8 appended claims.